

Minutes: 9-13-2020

Meeting began at: 12:39pm

23 present

Welcome: Rick Sluder

Introductions: All Coaches

Minutes from June Meeting: Motion to Approve- Glen Brown; 2nd- Steve Cotherman

Financial Report- Julie Alano will get an update from Thomas Crum. We haven't had any expenditures since June, so nothing should have changed with our balance. Finances should be fine, as we didn't spend any money on All-Stars, and we did have the clinic, so we still made money for the year.

Additional Items from the Floor: Adjusting prices for membership and for the clinic. Feedback for XC and accommodations for track. Proposals to the IHSAA will be on hold for now (see new business below). Decisions about the tournament meets taking money from spectators will most likely be made at the local level. Rick Sluder will ask the IHSAA about that. Should Academic All-State requirements be adjusted for the pandemic (see new business below)?

Membership and Technology: Membership numbers are good right now. We had more join for nominating for Academic All-State. There are issues with the website. We might be looking at paying someone to take care of the website. Julie Alano is looking to have a student work on it and will look into outside vendors as well. We hope to make it easy for people to navigate. Moving forward, we can authorize Julie Alano to spend a set amount of money to improve/maintain the website.

2021 Track Clinic: We are contracted with the Sheraton for 2021, but Julie Alano is looking into being able to get out of it for this year and possibly push this year's contract with the Sheraton to 2022. We have talked about reducing membership rates as well as lowering the clinic registration price for 2021. We will make a decision about the clinic price by the December meeting. We also want to make an initial decision by December as to whether or not to go 100% virtual for the clinic. Let Julie Alano know if you would like to help find speakers for the clinic. Also, if you are in contact with a clinic speaker who has already been lined up, begin the discussion with them about the possibility of the clinic being virtual this year. We might expand the clinic to include a Wednesday evening or something, but we still want it to be the week of February 4th-6th (current clinic date). We are looking into talking to the Hall of Fame committee (would they want to do something in Terre Haute if we hold the clinic virtually this year? Or would they want to do something on Saturday instead of Friday night?) about other options or a back-up plan for if we do not hold the clinic in person.

Hall of Fame Update: The Hall of Fame is still hoping to do Silver and Golden anniversary celebrations at the State XC meet this year. The ballot for February has been finalized. We might have to alter the induction ceremony because of the pandemic (maybe move it to Saturday in Terre Haute).

Midwest Track Meet Report: The meet will be hosted by Michigan again in 2021. Will it be there one more year or two? That is TBD. Indiana will begin hosting at IWU (led by Terry Lakes) in either 2022 or 2023. Terry Lakes will ask about which year will we start hosting at IWU.

Mideast CC Meet Report: The 2020 Mideast CC Meet will be November 21st. Insurance for All-Star meet needs to be checked on. We should have athletes traveling with us sign a travel waiver. Also, should we discuss other options (only traveling over on Saturday morning)? We still need to get the word out to Seniors about signing up for the meet. Paige Brunner will reach out to the Meet Director about what other states are doing (are they still coming Friday night or not until Saturday morning).

New Business:

- Fall coaches survey. Every two years we can make proposals (they first go to the IIAAA- the Athletic Directors), then we make them to the IHSAA. The timeline has changed this year. Everything is on hold right now, so it is unknown if there will be proposals this year. Rick Sluder will follow up with the IHSAA to figure out if they are going to proceed this year.
- State of our sport versus the pandemic- Cross country is going well, most meets are not allowing run-outs or team huddles at the starting line and all meets are requiring masks being worn to the starting line. Not having spectators at meets has helped at times, and it really varies by meet if spectators are doing a good job following the guidelines or not.
- XC Tournament update- Everything regarding changes to the tournament is on hold because of the pandemic.
- Academic All-State Requirements- We should allow PSAT scores to count for seniors this year.
- For next meeting, be thinking about what are going to be our best practices for track meets for the 2021 track season. Maybe we should have a discussion at the clinic regarding meet management for track in the midst of the pandemic.

Meeting adjourned: at 1:39pm

Motioned to adjourn by Terry Lakes, 2nd by Steve Cotherman